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February 01, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

15 February 1, 2011

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED - 3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Authorize the Director of the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) to accept Program Year (PY) 2011 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding and enter into a contract with the State Department of Community Services and Development (CSD).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the Director of DPSS to accept PY 2011 CSBG funding from CSD which is estimated to be \$6,882,902.
2. Authorize the Director of DPSS to execute the State Standard Agreement for the 2011 PY CSBG funding.
3. Delegate authority to the Director of DPSS or his designee to execute contract amendments for any required term extension and decrease or increase in funds, not to exceed the program year State allocation, and be commensurate with a decrease or increase in services, when a change is necessitated by additional and necessary services that are required for the Contractor to comply with changes in federal, State or County requirements, after County Counsel and Chief Executive Office (CEO) approval and instruct the Director to notify your Board and the CEO in writing within ten business days of executing the amendments.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The CSBG Program is administered by DPSS, which serves as a local Community Action Agency for the County of Los Angeles. Each calendar year, the County receives CSBG grant funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through CSD based on the latest census data on poverty individuals.

The CSBG Program is designed to provide services to assist low-income people to attain the skills, knowledge and motivation necessary to achieve self-sufficiency. The program provides low-income people with an array of immediate life necessities such as food, shelter, health care needs, counseling, and employment services. DPSS contracts with 65 community-based agencies to provide CSBG funded services to low-income individuals throughout the five Supervisorial Districts.

Delegated authority to the Director or designee of DPSS to execute contract amendments for contract extensions and increases or decreases of the contract amount is needed to ensure the full utilization of available CSD CSBG Program funding to the County. These recommended actions will not result in additional cost to the County and the Department's delegated authority will allow the full utilization of the available funding.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions are consistent with the principles of the Countywide Strategic Plan, Goal 5: Children and Families' Well-Being, as measured by achievements in the five outcome areas adopted by your Board: good health; economic well-being; safety and survival; social and emotional well-being; and education/workforce readiness.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Services provided under the CSBG program are fully funded by CSD PY 2011 funds. There is no net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The agreement will be between Los Angeles County DPSS and the State Department of CSD for PY 2011, ending December 31, 2011, for the provision of CSBG services to low-income individuals. The agreement will be executed only after approval by the CEO and County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

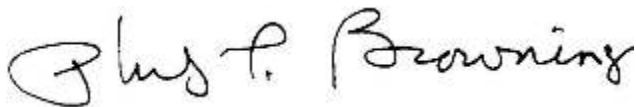
Approval of the recommended actions will enable DPSS to continue providing CSBG services to low-income residents in all Supervisorial Districts of Los Angeles County through its CSBG network of non-profit contractors. Approval of these recommendations will avoid any interruption of current services.

The cities of Los Angeles, Long Beach, Pasadena, South Pasadena, Duarte, Monrovia, Sierra Madre, Arcadia, and portions of Altadena receive CSBG funds directly. Residents in these areas will not be served under the County's CSBG Program, but rather by their own community action agencies.

CONCLUSION

The Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, is requested to return one adopted stamped Board Letter to the Director of DPSS.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Philip L. Browning". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and "B".

PHILIP L. BROWNING
Director

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Auditor-Controller
Community Action Board